STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: Facilitating the Communications of Earth Stations in Motion with Non-Geostationary Orbit Space Stations, IB Docket No. 18-315

The future belongs to the connected. If we want to realize its possibilities for everyone, everywhere, we need to think boldly about how we can put broadband in the ground, in the skies, and even beaming down from space. To make this happen, today we begin a rulemaking to explore the potential for non-geostationary satellite systems to offer broadband communications on vehicles, ships, and planes. This effort follows on the heels of related rulemaking to examine the possibilities of earth stations in motion communicating with geostationary satellite systems. It has my full support.